



"A Ministry of Mercy on Malta (and Beyond)"

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Acts 28:1-16

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1. Paul's Months on Malta – (28:1-16)

SNAKE BIT (28:1-6): Paul is bit by a snake while gathering sticks.

- What do you think about the fickle reaction of the islanders who witnessed the bite?

PAUL'S MINISTRY OF HEALING (28:7-10): Paul heals the father of Publius and others on the island.

- What difference did Paul's ministry make in the lives of the people of Malta?

PAUL ARRIVES IN ROME, AT LAST! (28:11-16): Paul's long and perilous journey to Rome is completed, just as God promised.

- Paul longed to be free to preach the gospel in Rome and beyond (Acts 19:21). Does his imprisonment really restrict him? How does Paul reach beyond the walls of his arrest?

2. Paul's Mission in a Ministry of Mercy



In a mean world, our greatest witness is showing _____.

How Can I Have a Ministry of Mercy?

1. Look for and Listen to the _____.

Philippians 2:4 – "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

2. Don't let the sins of others _____ your acts of mercy.

Jude 22–23 "And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh."



Principle: Don't expect unbelievers to act like believers _____.

3. Be _____ in your words and life.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

4. Value _____.

Matthew 25:31-46 "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Six Ways I Can Show Mercy

1. Look for people in a crisis and _____.
2. Look for people with unmet needs and _____.
3. Look for people who are grieving and _____.
4. Look for people needing friends and _____.
5. Look for people who need _____.
6. Look for people who are rude and _____.

Paul's Ministry of Mercy

Paul's ministry of mercy arises from a life engrossed in the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. Paul understood his mission to be to spread the gospel, even if imprisoned. But he knew he could not argue people to heaven. He only needed to share the gospel and his own changed life. Then let God's Spirit do the rest. Consider how you might show mercy and grace to others as Paul did.